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1. TOUCHED BASE WITH SIILASVUO AND PRIETO LATE MORNING JUNE 19. ALTHOUGH THEY, LIKE URQUHART, ARE CONCERNED OVER "MESSY" SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON, THEY SEE NO REASON TO BE UNDULY ALARMED. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, THEY CONFIRMED UNIFIL VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO TRANSIT CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED AREA TO METULLA DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. THIS MAY BE A MODEST STEP, BUT IT DOES REPRESENT SOME PROGRESS.

2. I FILLED THEM IN ON URQUHART'S APPROACH (REF A) AND ON OUR EFFORTS WITH THE ISRAELIS (REFS B AND C). BOTH WERE APPRECIATIVE AND SAID OUR DEMARCHES PROBABLY EXPLAINED WHY EITAN HAS ASKED TO SEE THEM IN TEL AVIV AT 1700 HOURS THIS AFTERNOON. SIILASVUO AND PRIETO SAID THEY INTENDED TO TAKE LINE THAT UN HAD PROCEEDED CAUTIOUSLY AS URGED BY GOI, BUT THAT ISRAEL  
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MUST NOW TAKE "TOUGH" MEASURES TO ENSURE COOPERATION ON PART OF CHRISTIAN MILITIAS.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH PRIETO, HE ALLUDED TO A MEETING BETWEEN UNIFIL, HADDAD AND SHIDIAK WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN ATTENDED BY IDF OFFICER (PRESUMABLY COL HAMIZRACHI). PRIETO SAID EITAN WOULD BE URGED IN STRONG TERMS NOT TO

HAVE IDF OFFICERS PRESENT AT MEETINGS BETWEEN UNIFIL AND HADDAD AND MILITIA LEADERS. SUCH ACTIONS TENDED TO COMPROMISE UNIFIL.

4. PRIETO ALSO REFERRED TO JUNE 17 MEETING (SEPTTEL) AT WHICH MILITIA HAD THREATENED HADDAD. PRIETO SAID THIS WAS A FARCE AND BOTH HADDAD AND THE MILITIA WERE SUBJECT TO SUASION BY ISRAEL.

5. ON SENDING LAF UNITS TO THE SOUTH, PRIETO CONFIDED SIILASVUO HAD URGED UNNY NOT REPEAT NOT TO PRESS GOL TO SEND LEBANESE ARMY TO THE AREA IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES FEARING A POSSIBLE ARMED CLASH.

6. COMMENT: IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH UN SOURCE WHOSE MILITARY JUDGEMENT WE RESPECT, HE INFORMED US OF SIILASVUO'S MESSAGE ON LAF IN PARA FIVE ABOVE. IN HIS VIEW, WE SHOULD MAINTAIN PRESSURE TO GET UNITS TO THE SOUTH WHERE THEY CAN BE STATIONED OUT OF HARM'S WAY (IN FRENCH OR SENEGALESE SECTORS) PENDING TIME WHEN THEY CAN BE INSERTED INTO BORDER AREA.

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